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February 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday February 1, 2007 - 7 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Refreshments - Door Prizes

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Jackson, MS Hamfest - Feb. 2-3

AARA Rayne - May 25 & 26

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery

Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

YL/XYL / Filly Net 146.820 - 600

Each Friday, 1:00 p.m.

HEAL Net 146.820 - 600

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looks like winter is here for a while, with all this near freezing weather. For those of us that are retired, it makes for some enjoyable rag chews on HF and VHF/UHF.

We will be having another Technician License Class in the Grant-Mollet Complex Classroom E-1 on March 17th at 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM with a one hour lunch break. Orientation and collection of money for manuals will be on February 21th in Owens Auditorium at LGMC at 6:00 PM. If you know of anyone interested in the class, please let them know and have them contact Dr. Rick Bourgeois N5RY to get on the list. Dr. Bourgeois will give me a head count prior to February 2nd so I can order the necessary manuals from ARRL. I have asked the same instructors as last year to assist.

I hear many of you Technician folks talking on the air about studying for your General Class License. I believe we have already had some test for upgrade and passed at our last meeting. I suspect there will be many more testing in the near future. While you are in the study mode, might as well study for the Extra Class License also. This will finalize your testing forever, unless you fail to renew your license timely.

For you DX minded folks, hope you have heard about VU7 (Laccadive Island) and S2 (Bangladesh) being on the air recently. These are very rare countries and they are situated such that they are hard to QSO with from Louisiana. Approximately 356 deg to 20 deg either short path or long path. We live in a black hole trying to contact these folks.

We will have an important club meeting on February 1st. Nominations from the floor will be ask for at the club meeting for new officers and directors, followed by the election of officer and directors for 2007. Also, club members will be asked to amend the clubs 1996 bylaws to reflect changes in memberships, etc. Check out our web site under AARA Bylaws for changes recommended by the Board of Directors and also in this LARC for information. Changes in club dues will also be voted on to take effect January 1, 2008.

73, de Roland NA5Q
President

*****NOTICE*****

Be sure to check out pages 3 & 4 of this issue of the LARC for new revisions of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. BY_LAWS.

Club members will be voting on these changes at the February 1st meeting. Please try to attend.

It's Official! Morse Code Requirement Ends Friday, February 23

NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 24, 2007 -- Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules. On or after that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. The appearance in today's Federal Register of the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, starts a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective. Deletion of the Morse requirement -- still a matter of controversy within the amateur community -- is a landmark in Amateur Radio history.

"The overall effect of this action is to further the public interest by encouraging individuals who are interested in communications technology or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become Amateur Radio operators; and eliminating a requirement that is now unnecessary and may discourage Amateur Service licensees from advancing their skills in the communications and technical phases of Amateur Radio," the FCC remarked in the "Morse code" R&O that settled the matter, at least from a regulatory standpoint. The League had asked the FCC to retain the 5 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants, but the Commission held to its decision to eliminate the requirement across the board. The R&O appearing in the Federal Register constitutes the official version of the new rules.

Until 1991, when a Morse code examination was dropped from the requirements to obtain a Technician ticket, all prospective radio amateurs had to pass a Morse code test. With the change the US will join a growing list of countries that have dropped the need to demonstrate some level of Morse code proficiency to earn access to frequencies below 30 MHz.

The new rules also put all Technician licensees on an equal footing, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination. Starting February 23, Technicians will gain CW privileges on 80, 40, 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters.

Once the revised rules are in place, an applicant holding a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for Element 3 (General) or Element 4 (Amateur Extra) may redeem it for an upgrade. A CSCE is good for 365 days from the date of issuance, no exceptions. For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 may apply at a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) test session, pay the application fee, which most VECs charge, and receive an instant upgrade.

The FCC R&O includes an Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140 -- the so-called "omnibus" proceeding. It will modify Part 97 in response to ARRL's request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of other rule changes that became effective last December 15. The Commission designated 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, although that segment will remain available for CW, RTTY and data. The ARRL had requested that that upper limit of the CW/RTTY/data subband be set at 3635 kHz, so that there would be no change in the existing 3620 to 3635 kHz subband.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its "FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235" Web page.

<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/>

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

N = NEW

R = RENEWAL

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|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Fred Cook | KE5LP | R |
| Betty Cook | K5BMC | R |
| Herman Campbell | KN5GRK | R |
| Gerard Murphy | KD5VPC | R |
| Arnold Lemaire | KE5JXC | R |
| Arton Louis | KE5GLB | R |
| Efstratios Imvriotis | KE5DCI | R |
| Marilyn Mitchell | | N |
| John Conniff | W4JHC | R |
| Danny Griffith | K5ARH | R |
| David Halle | N5EEH | R |
| John Winn | KE5EEO | R |

January Meeting VE Testing Results

Following is the results of the January 4 test session at the last club meeting.

Marilyn M. Mitchell of Abbeville passed her Technician class license, and has been assigned the callsign of KE5LYC.

Arnold Lemaire KE5JXC, Imvriotis Efstratios KE5DCI, John L Winn, Jr. KE5EEO and Carl E. Stebbins KD5TCJ all passed their General theory and are waiting for the FCC to finalize the dropping of the morse code requirement.

Albert S. Fabacher KF5WP passed the Extra Class theory and is now upgraded to Extra.

Danny K5ARH

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At a special testing session on Sunday January 21st at the QTH of Ward Tilly NG5T, Stratos Imvriotis passed his Extra Class theory.

NEW REVISIONS TO THE AARA BYLAWS

THE FOLLOWING ARE REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS OF ACADIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC THAT WAS LAST REVISED IN 1996. YOU MAY REVIEW THE ENTIRE BYLAWS WITH OLD AND NEW SECTIONS TO ASSOCIATION ARTICLES ON THE W5DDL WEB SITE AT:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/bylaws/bylawsproposedchanges.htm>

THESE CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS ARE TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE FEBURARY CLUB MEETING, FEBRUARY 1, 2007.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this association will be composed of 2 categories:

Section 1. Voting Members. Members in this category will hold a current radio amateur operator's license. There are five (5) types of voting members.

- A. Individual Member (coded IM). This membership is available to any person meeting the requirements of this section.
- B. Family Member (coded FM). This membership is available to the spouse living in one household after the other spouse is an Individual Member.
- C. Youth Member (coded YM). This membership is available to youth. The member must be in school grades K through 12.
- D. Senior Member (coded SM). This membership is available to persons who have reached their sixty-fifth (65) birthday by January 1st of the current membership year. Also, the person must be a paid Individual Member for at least one year prior to applying for Senior Member status.
- E. Honorary Life Member (coded HLM). This membership is available to persons meeting the requirements of this section and is recommended by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Non-Voting Members. There are three (3) types of non-voting members:

- A. Associate Individual Member (coded AM). This membership is available to those people who express an interest that matches the goals of this association.
- B. Associate Family Member (coded AF). This membership is available to the spouse living in one household, who expresses an interest that matches the goals of this association, after the other spouse is at least one (1) of an (i) Individual Member or (ii) Associate Individual Member.
- C. Honorary Member (coded HM). This membership is conveyed on persons holding the following offices in other associations or organizations:
 - (1) Director, Delta Division, American Radio Relay
 - (2) Vice Director, Delta Division, American Radio Relay
 - (3) Officers of the A.R.R.L. residing in the Delta Division
 - (4) Louisiana Section Manager, American Radio Relay League
 - (5) Chairman, Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs
 - (6) Officers of other cooperative organizations.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE

Section 1. To become a member in good standing of this association coded IM, FM, SM, YM, AM, or AF a person must:

- A. Complete the association's Application for Membership form.
- B. Submit the proper association annual dues.
- C. For voting members only – provide a copy of their current license amateur radio license.

ARTICLE III – DUES & RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Dues will be levied on an annual basis. Renewal of membership will be submitted on the Membership Renewal Form provided by the association. The membership year will be from January 1st through December 31st of each year. Dues assessment will be approved by the Board of Directors and then approved at the next meeting by a quorum of the membership of the association.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this association will be: President, Vice President, Honorary Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 or 3 Members-at-Large to the Board of Directors (see Article VIII Section 2 to determine the correct number). Each officer must be a voting member of the association in good standing.

ARTICLE X – TRUSTEE

Section 1. The President will appoint the Trustee of the association's Amateur Radio Club Station's Station Licenses, with conformation by the Board of Directors. The Trustee will be a full member in good standing and should be the holder of an Amateur Extra Class License. The Trustee will continue to serve until either resignation or replacement.

Something to Think About

Nominating Committee Choices - The choices of officers for the 2007-2008 year by the committee are: President - Stratos KE5DCI, V.P. - Charlie KI5XP, Secretary - Randy N5MLJ, Treasurer - Joy N5YCS, Board Members - Roland NA5Q, Danny K5ARH, & Nick K5QXJ. Nominations will be taken from the floor from members at the February 1st meeting. Elections will be at the March meeting.

Louisiana QSO Party - The LAQSO Party will be on February 10-11th. Last year our club came out tops on phone, do we want to do it again this year? Last year we used the OEP facilities in the courthouse and we can probably use it again but we need volunteers, so be at the February meeting and hold up your hand if you are interested.

Mardi Gras - Mardi Gras is Tuesday, February 20th. Our club has talked about using our AMOS Van again this year and working with the Lafayette Police with portable APRS trackers. Stratos KE5DCI is the chairperson for this project and he will need help and volunteers.

HEAL NET - The HEAL Net has been on the 146.820 repeater each Friday at 1:00 PM since the first of the year. Rachel KE5KEZ has been the NCS and is doing a very fine job. Here is a report for the month of January.

| DATE: | Medical Personell Check-ins | Guest Check-ins | Medical Facalities Represented | Total time of Net / Traffic |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1/05/07 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 47 min / 2 |
| 1/12/07 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 45 min / 3 |
| 1/19/07 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 41 min / 2 |
| 1/26/07 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 26 min / 2 |



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| 2/03 | KD5JZN | DEAN |
| 2/04 | KB5W1 | WESTON |
| 2/04 | KD5YWB | KEN |
| 2/14 | N5RKK | TIM |
| 2/16 | KD5NVC | GLENN |
| 2/19 | W5MEE | BILLY |
| 2/20 | KB5EKD | PHIL |
| 2/23 | KE5LBV | RICHARD |
| 2/24 | KN5LSU | CHESTER |
| 2/24 | KD5JSM | DANNY |
| 2/24 | KE5AOF | JOEY |
| 2/27 | KE5KEP | BLAINE |
| 2/27 | KE5IJE | ROSE |
| 3/04 | KD5AIB | JANIECE |



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be

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Children's Museum Celebrates New Year 2007

On Saturday December 30th 2006, the Children's Museum of Acadiana had a special day for the kids. They would celebrate the ringing in for the New Year at 12:00 noon. The doors opened at 10:00 AM and closed at 2:00 PM.

The Amateur Radio Station was manned by: Nick K5QXJ, Chris KD5QYV and Herman KN5GRK. The Kenwood TS-2000 and computer were in operation during that time. Visitors dropped by and Chris explained what ham radio was about and pointed out some of the modes used in ham radio communication. Some were slow scan tv, we-fax, psk31, space station tracking and voice communication. Some of the visitors even talked to some of the local hams via VHF repeaters. Those who talked to some of the kids were: Ken KD5YWB, Ed WA5TNK, Neil KC5BLQ, Mike KE5AWZ, and maybe a few others that I am not aware of because I stepped out of the room around noon to take some pictures of the crowd as the New Year count down started. It seemed that all the displays had something going on at one time or another.

I must say, that there were kids galore along with parents. Everyone had a paper hat and horn and the PA system was going full blast, it was deafening. As the ball dropped to midnight it sounded like the end of the world with air cannons shooting confetti all over everyone and everything. At 2:00 PM everyone was asked to leave and the



Chris - KD5QYV

Nick - K5QXJ

AARA January 2007 Calendar

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| February 1 | AARA General Meeting @ 7:00 PM - Red Cross Building VE testing at 6:00 PM |
| February 2-3 | Jackson, MS Hamfest |
| February 10-11 | Louisiana QSO Party |
| February 20 | Mardi Gras |
| February 24 | Orange Hamfest - See info on this page |

February Special Events & Contests

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|----------------|---|
| February 4 | North American Sprint - SSB, 75, 40, 20 meters |
| February 3-4 | 10-10 Winter Phone Contest - 10 meters |
| February 2-5 | W5B Buddy Holly Memorial 48th Anniversary of his death |
| February 3 | K3HWJ - Commemorating Groundhog Day 2007 |
| February 3 | W5NAC - remembrance of the Space Shuttle <i>Columbia</i> recovery |
| February 10 | SK7XN - Encouraging the use of Heathkit Radios |
| February 10-11 | CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest |
| February 12-16 | SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP - All modes - Jan. QST, p 50 |
| February 12-16 | W4LX - Celebrating Thomas Edison's Birthday |
| February 17 | ARRL International DX Contest (CW) |
| February 28 | W5KID - Sixty-fourth anniversary of the launching of USS <i>Kidd</i> Check out these and others in QST or the ARRL website for more detail at: http://www.arrl.org/ |

Orange ARC & Jefferson County ARC 2007 Hamfest

Saturday, February 24, 2007

VFW Hall, Hwy 87

1 mile North of I-10

Orange, TX

Talk-in: 147.180 (PL turned off)

Free Admission - Free parking

Flea market setup: 7:00 a.m.

Doors open @ 8:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

VE testing will start at 10:00 a.m.

Swap tables: \$15.00 each for individuals and dealers in advance before February 10, 2007.

For Info - Contact

Sheila Powell N5HL

Phone: 409-727-1071

sheilapo@midcountypc.com

or

Delores KC5NEO

Phone: 409-962-1435

Grand Prizes:

1st Prize: Kenwood TS570D

2nd Prize: Kenwood TM271A

Tickets for Grand Prizes and door prizes are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, etc.

Grand Prize drawing will be at 2:30 p.m. You need not be present for the Grand Prizes, but you must be present for the door prizes.

Food

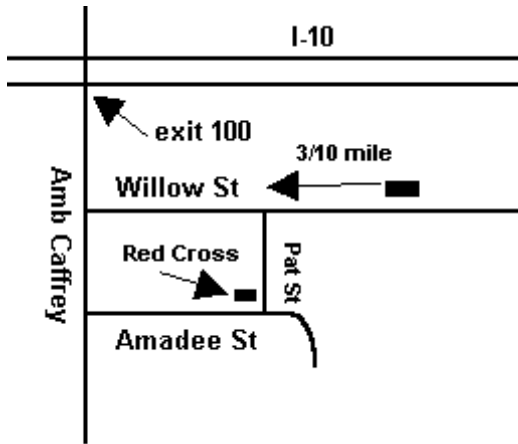
The Ladies of the VFW will have coffee, soft drinks, and food available for your purchase on site.

Friday Night Dinner

All Hams and their family, who are in town Friday before the Hamfest, are invited to eat with us at the VFW Hall. Served will be J.R. Aaron's famous Bar-B-Que Ribs, Brisket, Links, and smoked Boudain, with all the trimmings. Bring your folding chairs and your drinks. Serving starts at 7:00 p.m. Don't be late!

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AARA GENERAL MEETING - Feb. 1, 2007

Red Cross Bldg., 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

7:00 PM - VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Refreshments - Door Prizes

New Lafayette Parish EC

It's pretty well official. Ed Roy WA5TNK will be the new Lafayette Parish Emergency Coordinator. Ed has been very active in amateur radio in the Acadiana area and is very familiar with emergency communications and when it comes to weather reporting, he knows his stuff.

This appointment comes with Ed showing a great desire to fill a void that has existed for a long time for Lafayette Parish. Gary Stratton K5GLS, Section Emergency Coordinator ARRL Delta Division - Louisiana Section, and Mickey Cox K5MC, Louisiana Section Manager both have shown their approval after reviewing Ed's resume. The necessary paperwork to the ARRL has been filed.

Bill Vincent, the Director of the Lafayette EOC and Home Land Security and Ed have been long time friends and together we can provide the leadership for a real winning team.

This is hoping that all amateur radio operators will stand up and support Ed in this new position.



FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov.

Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245